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WASHINGTON, August 24.—The President passed a better and more refreshing night last night than he has had before in nearly a week. His intervals of wakefulness were shorter and less frequent than usual, and for several hours at a time he needed no attention whatever from his attendants. Early this morning he took with apparent relish about four ounces of parent relief. The condition of his stomach, so far as its ability to assimilate and dispose of food were concerned, seemed even better than yesterday, and as soon as the surgeon became satisfied of this fact they decided to discontinue injections, and began with a feeling of confidence to give larger quantities of beef-tea, peptonized milk, and milk gruel in the natural way. Up to noon the patient swallowed between thirteen and fourteen ounces of this kind of food, and the effects of the amount of nourishment taken yesterday and today began to be apparent in a steeper and stronger pulse. The glandular inflammation, however, seemed to have undergone a slight change since noon. It appeared softer to the touch, and there were indications that the process of suppuration had begun. Later in the forenoon a more careful and thorough examination was made, and unmistakable evidence was obtained of the presence of pus, although the amount created up to that time seemed to be small. In view of the low and impoverished condition of the patient's blood it was thought unsafe to allow this pus to remain in the gland, since it would have a tendency to become more serious. At the noon consultation it was decided to make an incision, and soon after the 12:30 bulletin was issued Dr. Hamilton cut into the swelling on the right side of the face below and in front of the ear, and let free a small quantity of healthy pus. The operation was, comparatively speaking, a trifling one, as the incision was not deep, and it was therefore thought unnecessary to use anesthetic, either local or general. A spray of carbolic acid was used to prevent infection, and the cut was an antiseptic precaution. The patient's pulse became more frequent immediately after the incision was made, and reached a maximum of 115 beats, but soon subsided.

IN CONVERSATION WITH A REPORTER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

This afternoon Dr. Bliss said that the results of the operation were in every way satisfactory. It was not expected, he said, that the incision would at once give permanent relief, or that the inflammation would immediately subside. There would probably be some temporary aggravation of febrile symptoms as a consequence of the operation, and more pus might form in the swelling. He did not, however, anticipate any further trouble. The incision would be kept open, and if, as seemed probable, more pus should form, it would be removed, and there would, he thought, be no necessity for any more cutting. After the operation this afternoon the patient swallowed food as before, without nausea or discomfort, and up to half-past 4 had taken in all about twenty ounces of liquid food. A careful examination showed a slightly higher pulse and temperature than at the corresponding hour last night, but in other respects the condition of the patient was unchanged.

AT 7 O'CLOCK GENERAL SWAIN SAID TO A REPORTER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Dr. Bliss said that the President had a very good night and was doing well. The glandular swelling had not, he said, perceptibly changed in appearance since yesterday, but he thought it seemed a very little softer to the touch. The wound continued to present a healthy and in every way satisfactory appearance. Dr. Bliss was speaking, the patient's condition this morning is about the same as last evening. The slight improvement which was noticed in the morning examination has been maintained, and there has been a little additional gain in capacity for nourishment.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, AUGUST 24—10:20 A. M.

(Unofficial.) As stated in the unofficial bulletin sent at 10:20 this morning, the swelling of the President's parotid gland, although it had not perceptibly changed in appearance since yesterday,